

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., a member of the House Appropriations Committee, said the House today passed the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill for FY 2008 by a vote of 312 to 112.

"This bill will provide funds to continue support for water infrastructure improvement projects in the 2nd Congressional District. I included these projects in this bill because they will help to advance research, prevent flooding, improve water quality, and enhance the quality of life for our communities," Jackson said.

The bill needs to be reconciled with the Senate version and then it will be sent to the President for his signature.

The bill includes the following Illinois 2nd District requests:

In addition to securing projects for the 2nd District, Congressman Jackson was instrumental in securing funds to benefit the entire state of Illinois, including:

During the past six years, Jackson has helped secure more than \$181 million for the Deep Tunnel Project, or the comprehensive Chicago Underflow Plan designed to improve flood protection and improve water quality for the metropolitan area.

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\$33.5 million

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\$250,000

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\$30.4 million to address dam safety issues, deteriorated embankment, control works and walls along the Illinois Waterway. for ecosystem restoration at the Indian Ridge Marsh on Chicago's Southeast Side. for dredging/disposal requirements in the Calumet Harbor and River. to continue work on the "Deep Tunnel" project, including construction of the McCook and Thornton reservoirs located in Chicago's south suburbs.

to provide storm damage protection and reconstruct the shoreline revetment along the Chicago shoreline near Lake Shore Drive. The existing shoreline structures, built in the early 1900s, have deteriorated and no longer function to protect against storms, flooding and erosion.

toward the environmental infrastructure needs in Cook County including development and protection of local water and sewer systems.

for Chicago State University to

expand research space and provide students with the skills necessary to enter top graduate schools. CSU produces one-third of all minority baccalaureate degrees in the physical sciences in the state of Illinois.